

Meeting Summary
Utah Water Quality Standards Workgroup
March 19, 2012

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Attendance

Name	Affiliation
Chris Bittner	DWQ
Jeff Ostermiller	DWQ
Andrew Newhart	Brown and Caldwell
Jesse Stewart	Salt Lake City
Ben Holcomb	DWQ
Leah Ann Lamb	DWQ
Thayne Mickelson	Dept of Agriculture
Pascaline Loricourt	Dept of Agriculture
Nicholas Von Stackelberg	DWQ
Don Leonard	Artemia Association
Lisa Kirschner	Parsons Behle & Latimer
Leland Myers	CSDS
Jeff Salt	Great Salt Lake Keeper
	SUWA

Site-specific TDS Standard for Blue Creek: The workgroup had several clarifying questions regarding the site-specific standard. None of the participants had concerns with how the standard was derived. Mr. Bittner said that the proposed change would be submitted to the Water Quality Board for approval to commence rulemaking.

Changes to Designated Uses for Great Salt Lake. Mr. Bittner explained the conflicts with the designated uses as currently specified. Mr. Meyer's recollection was that this provision was specifically intended to address if lake levels, i.e., open waters, exceeded 4208' elevation. Ms. Guenzel thought that a Use Attainability Analysis may be required by USEPA to revise the rule to remove the uses. Mr. Meyer's questioned if a UAA was necessary if the original rule was a mistake. The implications of the original intent and actual language were discussed. The issue was tabled and will be discussed at future meetings.

New USEPA Ammonia Criteria. Nicholas Von Stackelberg presented a summary of the new ammonia criteria. DWQ is currently working on a plan on how to implement the new criteria including implications for the nutrient strategy. DWQ will keep the workgroup updated on progress.

USEPA Proposed Standard Changes. Chris Bittner presented USEPA's proposed standards. Mr. Bittner recommended that if workgroup members have comments that they think DWQ should consider, they should be forwarded to Mr. Bittner. DWQ anticipates commenting on the proposed rules.

Great Salt Lake Bioassay Update. Mr. Bittner informed the workgroup that DWQ was reviewing a work plan for conducting the acute bioassays and the plan would be available for public comment in the future.

Adjourn: The next meeting was scheduled for February 24, 2012 at 1:00 pm.